

NOTICE: That a Regular Meeting of the District of Barriere Municipal Council will be held at District Hall, 4936 Barriere Town Road, in Barriere, B.C. on May 4, 2026 at 5:30pm for the transaction of business listed below.

Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer

AGENDA

“We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation within whose lands we are meeting today.”

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

That Council approve the May 4, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. That Council adopt the minutes of the April 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting.

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. North Thompson Communities Foundation re: “Legacy in Motion” Donor Installation – J. Laffin

4. BYLAWS and POLICIES

a. DRAFT Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247– adoption – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
**w/attachments*
Recommendation: THAT Council adopt Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247

b. DRAFT 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276 – adoption – D. Drexler, CAO
**w/attachments*
Recommendation: THAT Council adopt 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276

c. DRAFT Indemnification Bylaw No. 277 – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
**w/attachments*
Recommendation: THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Indemnification Bylaw No. 277

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Department Updates – Department Heads
**submitted for information*

b. Capital Updates – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a. For Information

b. For Action

i. Barriere Curling Club re: Cooling Centre Request for Transportation

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

9. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION REQUESTS

10. PUBLIC INQUIRIES

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 90(1)(c)(d) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters.

13. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION *(if required)*

15. NEXT MEETING – *May 25, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

16. ADJOURNMENT

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road, Barriere, B.C.

*“We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples of Simpcw First Nation
within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.”*

Present:	Mayor Rob Kerslake	
	Councillor Judy Armstrong	Councillor Donna Kibble
	Councillor Louise Lodge - <i>absent</i>	Councillor Colin McInnis
	Councillor Brody Mosdell	Councillor Scott Kershaw
Staff:	Daniel Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer	Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer
	Kathy Abel, Chief Financial Officer	Jamie Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
	Alexis Hovenkamp, Fire Chief	Chris Matthews, Public Works Manager

Mayor Kerslake called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

That Council approve the April 20, 2026, Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

That Council adopt the minutes of the March 30, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING and Regular Council Meeting.

CARRIED

3. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. Thompson-Nicola Regional Department (TNRD) re: Proposed Kamloops Search and Rescue Hall – J. Vieira, General Manager of Operations & Paula Davies, President of Kamloops Search & Rescue

Jamie Vieira and Paula Davies provided a PowerPoint presentation overview of the Regional District’s proposed Kamloops Search and Rescue Hall that incorporates all Search & Rescue departments within the region.

Mr. Vieira reported that the following resolution was passed by the TNRD Board at its January 22, 2026 meeting:

“THAT, staff be directed to initiate a process to seek public assent through an Alternate Approval Process (AAP) for the following:

1. *Establishment of a new Regional Search and Rescue Service contributing up to \$100,000 annually to fund a portion of the operating and maintenance costs of the new joint hall building; and*

2. *Borrowing up to \$6.3 million to contribute towards the construction of a joint hall for Kamloops Search and Rescue and Kamloops Fire Rescue.”*

Ms. Davies noted that plan is to build a shared hall for Kamloops Search and Rescue (KSAR) and Kamloops Fire Rescue (KFR) at 4420 Devick Road. The project would require the creation of a new regional service to cover borrowing for capital costs and operating expenses, which would include all ten (10) Electoral Areas and eleven (11) member municipalities.

The estimated cost is \$9,454,035, with cost sharing between the City of Kamloops (CoK) and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) proportionate to the space within the facility. The City will pay 25% of the capital costs and the TNRD will be responsible for the remaining 75%. KSAR has also committed to raising \$1.4 million, which will go toward TNRD’s share. This means TNRD would need to finance approximately \$6.3 million through borrowing with requires the assent of the public.

b. Barriere and Area Men’s Shed (BAMS) re: Development Plan for Old Barriere Chamber building– R. Dane, President

Mr. Dane provided Council with a detailed overview of the organization’s planned works for the Old Chamber Building located at 4624 Barriere Town Road.

Council was informed that the anticipated costs and anticipated timeline associated with the necessary renovation work necessary for the building, as follows:

- Phase 1 – Interior demolition & upgrades: Estimated costs \$15k = 0 - 12 months
- Phase 2 – Exterior & structural improvements: Estimated costs \$60k = 0 - 48mo
- Phase 3 – Roofing completion: Estimated costs \$35k = 0 – 60mo
- Full Development: Estimated costs \$110k = 60 months

Exterior work is not included in this development plan as the building itself is the priority. The Men’s Shed noted that they are not anticipating any significant asbestos remediation as no drilling is part of the plan and will be encapsulating the flooring material.

Approximately 30% of the required funds are expected to be raised through various grant processes. The remainder will be fundraising by the Men’s Shed through a number of events, projects and item sales, for example.

4. **BYLAWS and POLICIES**

a. DRAFT Policy No. 59CN – Community Support Policy – T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer
**w/attachments*

Council was provided an overview of the draft Community Support Policy No. 59CN. The draft policy consolidates a number of older policies that are in need of updating and is

intended to simplify and modernize the District’s approach to community funding, support and partnerships.

**Moved by Councillor McInnis
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong**

1. THAT Council approve Policy No. 59CN as presented; and
2. THAT Council repeal Policy No. 5 – Council Grant-in-Aid Individual & Organizations; and
3. THAT Council repeal Policy No. 6 – Annual Conditional Grant; and
4. THAT Council repeal Policy No. 7 – Annual Un-Conditional Grant; and
5. THAT Council repeal Policy No. 32 – Partnerships with Non-Profit Organizations

CARRIED

- b. DRAFT Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247– 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Readings – J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer
**w/attachments*

The draft Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw updates and modernizes the District’s current Parks Regulation Bylaw by repealing the current bylaw and replacing it with this draft – Bylaw No. 247. Notably, the definition of Motorized Vehicles was modified to include recreational e-scooters and e-bikes. Motorized Vehicles are not permitted within District Parks and trails with the exception mobility aids for the disabled.

**Moved by Councillor Kibble
Seconded by Mayor Kerslake**

THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247.

CARRIED

- c. DRAFT 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276 – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings – D. Drexler, CAO
**w/attachments*

Council reviewed the written report which presented the Draft 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw for first three readings. The Bylaw includes the rates necessary to meet our obligations to the Regional District and the Hospital board, and also the rates needed to meet the District’s needs as set out in the Financial Plan Bylaw:

Schedule “A” District of Barriere 2026 Tax Rates				
Property Class	Description	“A” General Municipal	“B” Regional Hospital	“C” Regional District
01	Residential	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229
02	Utility	40.00000	1.09384	2.66802
03	Supportive Housing	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229
04	Major Industry	10.75123	1.06259	2.59179
05	Light Industry	9.62674	1.06259	2.59179
06	Business & Other	6.71952	0.76569	1.86761
07	Managed Forest Land	8.25541	0.93758	2.28687
08	Recreational/Non-Profit	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229
09	Farm	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229

**Moved by Councillor Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council gives first three readings to the 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276.**

CARRIED

5. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Department Updates – Department Heads
**submitted for information*

Council was provided an overview of the written report.
It was added that the Stakeholder's Collaboration event date was scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026 at the Lions Hall.

Strategic Priorities Fund – The overseers of this Provincial funding program is no longer accepting multiple, eligible projects within a single application and has asked applicants to scale their application back to just one priority. Based on Council's Strategic Plan, the priority is the Asset Management Plan.

REDIP grant in partnership with the Barriere Chamber of Commerce – The Province has notified the District that our application was unsuccessful due to the fund being oversubscribed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. For Information
- b. For Action
- i. Grant Applications

1. Barriere Youth Soccer Association - \$500.00

**Moved by Mayor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Mosdell
THAT Council award Barriere Youth Soccer Association with a \$500 grant for the 2026 season.**

CARRIED

2. Barriere Elementary School PAC - \$500.00

**Moved by Councillor Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council award a \$500 grant to the Barriere Elementary School PAC.**

CARRIED

3. Rabbits BC - \$500.00

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Mayor Kerslake
THAT Council award a \$500 grant to Rabbits BC.**

CARRIED

4. Barriere Trails Society - \$500.00

**Moved by Councillor Mosdell
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT Council award a \$500 grant to the Barriere Trails Society.**

CARRIED

5. Barriere and District Heritage Society - \$500.00

Councillor Kibble declared a conflict of interest as a member of the Society & left the meeting at 7:16p.m.

**Moved by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council award the Barriere and District Heritage Society a \$500 grant.**

CARRIED

Councillor Kibble returned to the meeting at 7:16p.m.

6. Event Advertising Sponsorship re: Annual BES Golf Tournament - \$500.00

**Moved by Councillor Kerslake
Seconded by Councillor Armstrong
THAT Council purchase a \$500 Albatross Sponsorship Package for the 2026 BES Golf Tournament.**

CARRIED

ii. Barriere and Area Chamber of Commerce re: Commission Structure for Unit 4

Council reviewed a written request from the Barriere Chamber for the establishment of a “finders fee”/commission structure for tenants found for Unit 4 in the BBC that are secured through the Chamber.

**Moved by Councillor Kershaw
Seconded by Councillor McInnis
THAT Council instruct Staff to arrange for a “finders fee” for the Chamber for utilization of District rental spaces at the BBC, and to codify this arrangement with the following conditions:**

- **20% of revenue for rentals 3 months or less in tenure, 15% after that as part of a sliding scale of revenue;**
- **End date of this arrangement is the end date of the lease agreement;**
- **Does not include any other rentals derived from the District’s current and future leases where the District is the primary connection.**

CARRIED

iii. Barriere and Area Chamber of Commerce re: Approval of Sub-Lease

Council reviewed a written request from the Barriere Chamber for the approval of the ability to sub-lease portions of the Chamber's leased space within the BBC. Council discussed agreed upon parameters of such an arrangement that would be codified in a formal agreement with the Chamber.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Kershaw

THAT Council instruct Staff to allow the sub-lease of the small office space to Chamber members and to codify this arrangement with the following conditions:

- **To support establishment of new businesses;**
- **No more than 6 months for a single entity while other District rental spaces are available;**
- **End date of this support by Council is the end date of the lease agreement.**
- **Available to Chamber members only.**

CARRIED

7. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councillor Armstrong provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the C2C in Valemount.
 - Was approached by the Legion who inquired if the District would be amenable to allowing the Legion to sponsor a garden plot in Fadear Park (the planters normally used by Council as part of the Barriere Blooms Program). Mayor Kerlake volunteered his planter for this use. Councillor Armstrong will inquire with the Legion if they would like to utilize all of the planters with individual Council members personally providing flowers if needed.
- b. Councillor Kershaw provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the C2C in Valemount.
- c. Councillor Kibble provided a verbal report on the following:
 - Attended the C2C in Valemount.
 - Inquired as to Council's wishes for this year's Fall Fair, District of Barriere Booth. The Fire Department's FireSmart program facilitators are prepared for operating a booth again this year. Ideas to increase engagement were discussed.
 - Met with Frank Caputo, MP.
 - Participated in a Rec Committee Meeting.
- d. Councillor Lodge provided a written report which was read by Ms. Mosdell in her absence:
 - Assisted the Rec Committee's table at the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt.
 - Attended a meeting with the Chamber as the newly appointed Council Liaison.
 - Attended the C2C in Valemount,
 - North Thompson Communities Foundation's spring granting is complete
 - Appreciation for a \$10,000 donation from Carman and Barb Smith was expressed.
 - Attended Rec Committee Meeting
 - The Committee discussed the need to purchase a Square purchase terminal for all District and Recreation Committee activities. The Committee is

requesting that Council consider contributing half of the cost of the machine.
The total cost of the Square is approximately \$400.00 before taxes.

Moved by Councillor McInnis

Seconded by Councillor Mosdell

THAT the District contribute up to \$250 towards the purchase of a 'Square' payment system in partnership with the Rec Committee with the funds to come from the Council Grants line item.

CARRIED

e. Councillor Mosdell provided a verbal report on the following:

- Attended the C2C Meeting in Valemount.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor provided a verbal report on the following:

- The Stamer Family has approved of a cemetery memorial wall design and initial cost estimate. Work should begin this year.
- Attended Barriere Rec Committee Meeting.
- Attended the C2C Meeting in Valemount.
 - Suggested a "Name" and Mission statement be created.
- Met with MP Frank Caputo with the CAO, CO and Councillor Kibble
- Participated in a number of TNRD Board Meetings.

9. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION REQUESTS

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor Armstrong

THAT Council instruct Staff to include the proposed development plan, milestones, and layout in the draft lease agreement with the Men's Shed; AND THAT the Barriere Men's Shed group be authorized to act as the agent for the purposes of executing building permits for the Old Chamber Building property.

CARRIED

Next Step: Staff will draft a lease agreement to distribute to the Men's Shed.

10. **PUBLIC INQUIRIES** - Wim Houben: Mad Hatter Event raised over \$500 this year.

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION** – *none presented*

12. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Mosdell

Seconded by Councillor McInnis

Pursuant to Sections 90(1)(e)(i) of the Community Charter, that the public interest requires that persons other than Council Members and required staff be excluded from the meeting and that Council continues the meeting in closed session to discuss confidential matters at 8:08p.m.

CARRIED

13. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING** – *the meeting reconvened into open session 8:58pm*

14. **NEXT MEETING** – *May 4, 2026 @ 5:30pm*

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Armstrong that the meeting adjourn at 8:58pm.

CARRIED

Mayor Rob Kerlake

T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer



DISTRICT OF BARRIERE

Application to Appear Before Council or Committee

Anyone wishing to be placed on an agenda to address Council or a Committee may apply by delivering a request in writing to the Corporate Officer before 12:00 noon on the Monday preceding the week of the meeting. Delegations are contacted after the Agenda is finalized to confirm if scheduled or referred to a committee or future meeting. Council meetings are generally held at 5:30 p.m. on specific Mondays (see schedule posted online or contact District Office), at Municipal Hall. Special Meetings are held at other times as required.

4936 Barriere Town Road, P.O. Box 219, Barriere, B.C., V0E 1E0

Phone: 250-672-9751, Email: inquiry@barriere.ca

FAX: (250) 672-9708

Date:

Name of Applicant:

On Behalf of:

(Organization, Business, Self. etc.)

Mailing Address:

Local Street Address:

Telephone Number [REDACTED]

Issue Applicant Wishes Addressed:

Applicant's Relevant Information:

(Provide additional information in an attachment if required)

Preferred Forum (Council or Committee) Appearance Date:

- Note:**
- * Council, Committee of the Whole and Committee meetings are public meetings; unless the public interest required closure to the public pursuant to the Local Government Act.
 - * This form will become part of the public record and will be distributed to Council, staff, media and the public.
 - * The information on this form is collected in order to respond to your request to appear before Council. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the Corporate Officer, Municipal Hall.
 - * The Agenda is posted online and at Municipal Hall. The complete package is available for viewing at the Municipal Hall.

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Scheduled Council or Committee Appearance Date:

Agenda Number:

Back-Up Received

"Legacy in Motion" Donor Installation

April 28, 2026

To: District of Barrière Mayor and Council

From: North Thompson Communities Foundation

Executive Summary

The North Thompson Communities Foundation (NTCF) is pleased to propose the installation of a commemorative "Legacy in Motion" donor wall within the Barrière Business Centre. To honor our 25th anniversary and recognize our regional donors, we are also concurrently proposing a sister installation at the Dutch Lake Community Centre in Clearwater. These installations will honor the generous contributors who make our community-building initiatives possible across the North Thompson region.

Project Objectives

These installations serve three primary purposes:

- **Recognition:** Providing a permanent, dignified space to acknowledge donors who invest in the future of our region.
- **Inspiration:** Showcasing the power of local philanthropy to visitors and residents utilizing these vital community hubs.
- **Growth:** Serving as a visible, modular representation of our endowment fund's ongoing progress.

Strategic Locations

Both the Barrière Business Centre and the Dutch Lake Community Centre serve as central hubs for development and community engagement, making them the ideal venues to reflect the ongoing partnership between the District, the community of Clearwater, and the Foundation.

Installation Design & Maintenance

The "Legacy in Motion" tree (design attached) is a modular, high-quality **wood** sculpture **attached to the wall using professional-grade, high-strength double-sided tape.**

Key features include:

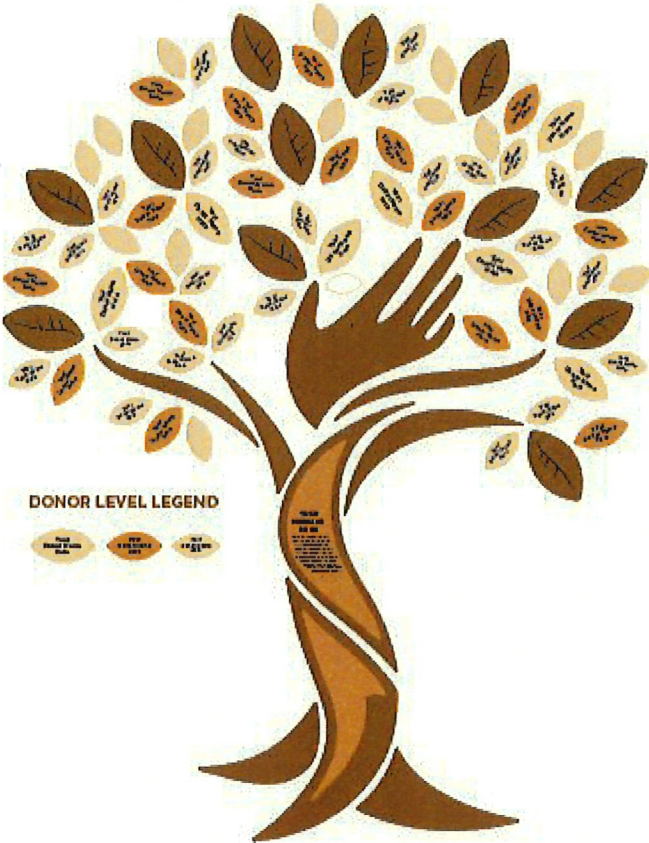
- **Safety & Durability:** Designed for high-traffic public areas using reliable, high-quality materials.
- **Modular Expansion:** The design allows for the periodic addition of individual "leaves," ensuring the wall remains current without requiring structural changes.
- **Maintenance:** NTCF commits to managing all aspects of the installation, including the coordination of plaque fabrication, periodic cleaning, and administrative updates.

Proposed Next Steps

We invite the District to review this proposal and discuss potential placement locations within the Barrière Business Centre lobby or main thoroughfare. We are prepared to share technical schematics and work closely with municipal staff to ensure the installation complements the existing facility design. We are also pursuing similar placement discussions with the District of Clearwater for the Dutch Lake Community Centre.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in building a stronger, more resilient North Thompson.

CUSTOM WALL TITLE



DISTRICT OF BARRIERE

DRAFT - PARK AND PUBLIC SPACES ACCESS BYLAW NO. 247

A BYLAW TO REGULATE THE USE OF PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the District of Barriere, in open meeting lawfully assembled, **ENACTS** as follows:

Citation & Repeal

1. This bylaw may be cited as "***Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247***".
 - 1.1 "*District of Barriere Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 42, 2009*" and its amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

Definitions

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - 2.1 "**At Large**" means any animal in a Park or Public Space and not securely leashed and under control of the Owner;
 - 2.2 "**Bylaw Enforcement Officer**" means every person(s) designated by the District of Barriere as a Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the District or otherwise authorized under the *Offence Act*, and every Peace Officer;
 - 2.3 "**Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw**" means the *District of Barriere Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 95* as amended or replaced from time to time;
 - 2.4 "**Council**" means the Council of the District of Barriere;
 - 2.5 "**District**" means the District of Barriere;
 - 2.6 "**Dog Park**" means any designated Park space within which dogs are permitted to run at large subject to the restrictions established in this bylaw;
 - 2.7 "**Firearm**" means a barreled weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged. It includes any prohibited weapon, whether a lethal weapon or not.
 - 2.8 "**Highway**" includes a street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct and any other way open for the use of the public but does not include a private right-of-way on private property;
 - 2.9 "**Motorized Vehicle**" means any type of vehicle capable of propulsion by an internal combustion or electric motor including e-bikes and e-scooters, but excluding wheelchairs and scooters used as a mobility aid for the disabled, and peddle-assist bicycles.

- 2.10 **"Municipality"** means the area within the District of Barriere boundaries;
- 2.11 **"Owner"**, in respect of any animal, means a person who keeps, harbours, or has temporary or permanent possession of an animal;
- 2.12 **"Park"** means any real property owned or subject to a right of occupation by the District for the purposes of pleasure, recreation, or community uses of the public, including all dedicated public parks, Municipal Hall grounds, or other lands used for public parks, or any playground, sports court or field, spray park, public square, or cemetery within the corporate limits of the District of Barriere;
- 2.13 **"Peace Officer"** shall have the same meaning as in the *Interpretation Act*;
- 2.14 **"Person(s)"** includes any company, corporation, owner, partnership, firm, association, society or party;
- 2.15 **"Property"** means land, with or without improvements, so affixed to the land as to make them in fact and in law, a part of it;
- 2.16 **"Public Space"** means any real property or portions of real property owned or leased by the District to which the public is ordinarily invited or permitted to be in or on, and includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the grounds of public facilities or buildings, riverbanks, and public parking lots;
- 2.17 **"Temporary Shelter"** means a temporary structure that is made up of any material(s) used to protect a person from inclement weather or something harmful. These materials may include but are not limited to tents, tarps, building materials, organic material, cardboard and un-insured vehicles.
- 2.18 **"Trail"** means any pathway or trail and all improvements, including all public sections of the Barriere and North Thompson rivers, within the corporate limits of the District of Barriere but does not include the travelled portion of a Highway;
- 2.19 **"Unhoused person"** means a Person who has neither a fixed address or a predictable residence to return to on a daily basis;
- 2.20 **"Vehicle"** means all conveyances for the carriage or transport of persons, passengers, goods, or materials whether self-propelled or drawn or pulled by animals or any mechanical, muscular device, or other motive power whatsoever, and shall include but not limited to Motorized Vehicles, trailers, skateboards, long-boards, bicycles, and tricycles.

Regulations

3. A person shall not enter or be upon or within any Park between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. except where there is a special event, concert, or fireworks exhibition held with valid permission from the District of Barriere.
 - 3.1 Notwithstanding Section 3, where there is no accessible shelter accommodation available in the District or in reasonable proximity thereto, an Unhoused Person may, without prior written permission of the District, reside in a Park, including erecting and occupying a Temporary Shelter, except in designated Parks listed in Schedule "A" of this bylaw, between the hours of 7:00pm on one day and 9:00am of the following day, provided that the Unhoused Person:
 - 3.2 does not erect the Temporary Shelter until after 7:00pm on one day;
 - 3.3 takes down and removes the Temporary Shelter from the Park prior to 9:00am on the following day;
 - 3.4 complies with other provisions of this bylaw;
 - 3.5 does not reside or erect the Temporary Shelter in, on, under, or within:
 - 3.5.1 playgrounds, spray parks, or pools;
 - 3.5.2 skateboard parks, tennis courts, or other sports courts;
 - 3.5.3 sports fields, stadiums, or dugouts;
 - 3.5.4 stages or bleachers;
 - 3.5.5 washroom facilities, picnic shelters, or gazebos;
 - 3.5.6 cemeteries;
 - 3.5.7 pathways or bridges;
 - 3.5.8 Trails, Highways, sidewalks, or parking areas;
 - 3.5.9 all other Public Improvements.
 - 3.6 A Temporary Shelter found to be placed, secured, erected, used or maintained between the hours of 9:00 am and 7:00 pm on any Public Space or Park within the District shall be unlawful and subject to enforcement and removal, including any possessions, wastes and other incidental materials.
 - 3.7 Temporary Shelters found in any areas described in Section 3.5 shall be subject to immediate removal.
4. A person shall not carry or discharge any Firearms, bow, crossbow, sling-shot, boomerang, or other weapon of any description within a Park, school ground, or other Public Space under the jurisdiction of the District of Barriere.
5. A person shall not take away any gravel, sand, or earth from any part of any Park.

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6. A person shall not throw, deposit, drop, leave or dump any garbage, glass, bottles, cans, litter, ashes, cigarette or cigar butts, refuse, trash, rubbish, or other materials, in any Park, Public Space, or waters adjacent thereto.
7. A person shall not light any fire on or within any Park or Public Space within the Municipality, except with express consent from Council or its designated representative.
8. A person shall not be on the roof of any building in any Park or Public Space unless that person is an employee or agent of the District of Barriere carrying out his or her regular duties.
9. A person shall not be in any building, recreation court, or other enclosure, structure, or facility in any Park except during the hours the said building or facility is authorized to be used or to be open by the Council.
10. A person shall not break, injure or damage the locks, gates, bolts, fences, seats, benches, buildings, structures, or other property placed in Public Spaces, on boulevards, or in Parks.
11. A person shall not willfully destroy, mutilate, efface, deface, or remove any sign posted within a Park or Public Space under this or any other bylaw.
12. A person shall not climb, debark, break, peel, cut, deface, remove, injure, root up, dig or otherwise destroy or damage any tree, box, stake, or guard placed around any tree for the protection of the same, shrubs, flowers, roots, sod or grass planted and/or growing on boulevards, or in Parks or Public Spaces.
13. A person shall not play or practice the game of golf or similar games played with golf clubs and balls in any park, excluding putting games.
14. A person shall not cause, allow, or permit pets or other animals to be At Large on any Park, or Public Space within the Municipality.
 - 14.1 A person shall be permitted to allow a dog to be At Large in a Park or Public Space, or portion of a Park or Public Space, which has been designated as a Dog Park.
 - 14.2 An Owner must abide by all on-site posted rules and regulations of a designated Dog Park in order to lawfully use the Dog Park.
 - 14.3 An Owner must immediately remove and dispose of, in a sanitary manner, feces left by pets or animals in a Park or Public Space, or on a Trail.

15. A person shall not ride or drive any horse, in, upon, or through any Park, except during a special event and expressly permitted in writing by the District of Barriere.
 - 15.1 Horses shall be permitted on highway boulevards within the corporate limits of the District, with the provision that the Owner of such animal shall comply with section 14.3
16. A person shall not ride or drive any Motorized Vehicle or other mode of conveyance, except for conveyances for the handicapped, outside of designated access roads, lanes, parking lots, or within paved designated Parks or Trails, unless for an approved event.
 - 16.1 Self-propelled vehicles limited to bicycles, trailers pulled by bicycles, roller blades and skateboards shall be permitted provided they are used on designated pathways, are operated in a safe manner, and within any posted speed limits.
17. A person shall not possess or consume alcohol in a Park or Public Space except as permitted under the District of Barriere's applicable Beer Garden Policy, as amended or replaced from time to time.

Events

18. The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or designate is authorized to approve extensions to park hours and noise regulations for permitted events up to 11:00pm.
19. Any request for event-related extensions to park hours or noise regulations beyond 11:00pm must be referred to Council for consideration and approval by resolution.
20. Council may, by resolution, reconsider or vary an application with respect to a specific permitted event, including but not limited to park hours and permitted noise levels.
 - 20.1 If any other bylaw contradicts the noise extensions, this bylaw shall prevail.

Offences and Penalties

21. A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Bylaw shall be subject to a fine as described in the current Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 95 as amended.
 - 21.1 Where a Bylaw Enforcement Officer or any other Officer of the District has reasonable grounds to believe that a person, while in a Park or Public Space, is in contravention of any provision of this bylaw, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may:
 - 21.1.1 Direct the person to comply with the bylaw; or
 - 21.1.2 Direct the person to leave the Park or Public Space.
 - 21.2 A person who is directed to leave the Park or Public Space shall immediately leave the Park or Public Space and refrain from re-entering for a period of 24 hours or until 7pm the following day whichever is longer.

SCHEDULE "A"

Parks where Temporary Shelters are Prohibited

1. Fadear Park
2. Community Park
3. Bradford Park
4. Oriole Park
5. Barriere Cemetery
6. Community Garden
7. Open Space along Airfield Road
8. Infrastructure Properties (including but not limited to: Spruce Cres. Wells, Birch Ln. Shallow Well, Siska, Riverwalk and SAWRC Wastewater Plants, Septage Receiving)
9. Municipally-owned real property along Barriere Town Road
10. Trails, parks, easements and boulevards

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Request for Decision

Date: April 20, 2026	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Corporate
Re: DRAFT Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247	
Recommendation: THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247.	

Purpose

For Council to consider giving first three readings to the Draft Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247.

Background

The District’s current Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 42 from 2009 is outdated and limited in scope, and does not reflect current use patterns, enforcement practices, or emerging considerations in the use of parks and public spaces. The existing bylaw primarily addresses general conduct such as damage, littering, alcohol use, and park hours but does not include provisions related to modern park usage including public space access, temporary sheltering, event management, or newer forms of transportation.

In 2024, Council considered matters related to temporary sheltering within the community, including the presence of unhoused individuals within public spaces. Steps that were taken by Council included adoptions to Policy No. 51BE – Abandoned Property and Shelters and Policy No. 52BE – Bylaw Enforcement.

Draft Bylaw No. 247 has been developed as the next step in this process, incorporating temporary sheltering provisions into a formal regulatory framework while also modernizing regulations, improving clarity, and aligning current operational practices with and community expectations.

Summary

Draft Bylaw No. 247 updates regulations for the use of parks and public spaces and includes key improvements from Bylaw No. 42 including:

- Updated definitions and terminology
- Regulations respecting park hours and permitted uses
- Provisions addressing temporary sheltering in alignment with current legislative requirements
- Updated enforcement provisions and officer authority
- Clarified rules respecting animals, fires, damage and general conduct
- Updated event approval processes and authority

Additional Consideration:

The definition of “Motorized Vehicle” has been revised to include e-bikes and e-scooters as these devices are becoming more common in communities. As a result, they would not be permitted within parks and public spaces except where motorized vehicles are otherwise allowed.

Staff are recommending this approach to maintain consistency with existing restrictions on motorized vehicles and to support pedestrian safety within parks and high-use public areas.

Should Council wish to provide further direction, amendments to the bylaw can be brought forward before providing 3rd reading.

Benefits or Impact

General

Provides clear, modern regulations for the use of parks and public spaces while improving enforceability and consistency.

Finances

N/A

Strategic Impact

Priority #4: General Governance and Community Engagement

Goal 2. – Bylaws and legislated reports are complete

The Results We Want to See:

- f. Parks Bylaw is updated and presented to Council for consideration by end of September 2026.

Risk Assessment

Compliance:

The bylaw aligns with current legislative requirements and enforcement practices.

Risk Impact:

Low.

Internal Control Process:

Next Steps / Communication

- Should Council give first three readings to the attached Bylaw, the draft will be placed on the following Council Meeting agenda for adoption.
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Attachments

- **DRAFT Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247**

Recommendation

THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Park and Public Spaces Access Bylaw No. 247.

Alternative Options

1. Council could choose not to adopt the draft bylaw at this time.
2. Council could choose to amend the draft bylaw prior to providing 3rd reading.

Prepared by:

J. Mosdell, Deputy Corporate Officer

Reviewed by:

D. Drexler, CAO

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
BYLAW NO. 0042
PARKS REGULATION BYLAW

AMENDED by No.93 & 114

The Council for the District of Barriere, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw shall be cited as “District of Barriere Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 0042, 2009.”

2. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise defined by this bylaw, the definitions used in the *Community Charter*, the *Local Government Act* and *Interpretation Act* apply to this bylaw.

3. REGULATIONS

- 3.1. No person shall in any way destroy or damage any tree, shrub, plant, turf, flower, structure, fence, sign, equipment, irrigation system in any park, boulevard or driveway, or deface or destroy any notices, rules or regulations posted.
- 3.2. No person shall use any grass plot or land where signs have been posted forbidding such use.
- 3.3. No person shall litter within the limits of the park, or in or around any recreation building or area, or on or along any driveway except in the receptacles provided for such purpose.
- 3.4. No person shall remove any soil or other material from lands within any park.
- 3.5. No person shall sell any refreshments or any article or merchandise or thing, or conduct any business in any park unless valid permission in writing is given by Council or its appointed representative.
- 3.6. No person shall construct, or build in or on any park or boulevard any tent, building, shelter, pavilion or other construction whatsoever, save and except with the express written permission of Council or its appointed representative.
- 3.7. No person shall use, occupy or travel along or upon any park or park property in such manner as to obstruct or to interfere with any person or

traffic lawfully using the same; or encumber or obstruct in any manner whatsoever, any park or park property unless he/she have valid written permission of Council or its appointed representative.

- 3.7.1. Council, by its workmen or others, may remove or cause to be removed from any park any obstruction placed therein or thereon contrary to the provisions of this bylaw, at the expense of the person who obstructed or created the obstruction.
- 3.8. No person shall throw or place on the ground any lighted match, cigar, cigarette or other burning substance within the limits of any park, except where such lighted material or burning substance is part of a fireworks exhibition approved by Council or its appointed representative.
- 3.9. All parks in the District of Barriere shall be closed to the public and to all vehicles each day of the year from sundown until sunrise of the following day and all persons found therein shall be treated as being in the park unlawfully, except:
 - 3.9.1. Where there is a special event, concert, or fireworks exhibition held with the valid written permission of Council or its appointed representative.
 - 3.9.2. Where a person or group has contracted with the District to rent or to use the park(s).
- 3.10. Except as otherwise provided by this bylaw, no vehicles shall be parked in any park while such park is closed, and any such vehicle parked contrary to the provisions of this bylaw may be removed at the expense of the owner of the vehicle.
- 3.11. No person shall ride or herd livestock within any park except with the express written permission of Council or its appointed representative.
- 3.12. Dogs shall be permitted in any park only if such dog is on a leash and under the care and control of a competent person.
- 3.13. It is an offence for any person with a dog under his or her care and control to fail to immediately remove and dispose in a waste container or by other sanitary means, any fecal matter deposited by such a dog in any park.
- 3.14. It shall be an offence against this bylaw for any person to consume or have in their possession any alcohol or liquor in any District park or upon any public lands unless the said alcohol or liquor is consumed or possessed pursuant to and in compliance with the license issued under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act. Any person or persons found in violation of

this section are liable to a penalty of \$100 for a first offence and \$200 for each subsequent offence.

4. PENALTY

Every person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is liable on summary conviction of a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)

5. EXEMPTION

Notwithstanding anything contained in this bylaw or any other bylaw of the District to the contrary, the officers, officials and employees of the District; while in the exercise of their duties, shall be exempt from the provisions hereof.

6. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that it is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

Read for a first time this 29th day of June, 2009.

Read for a second time this 29th day of June, 2009.

Read for a third time this 29th day of June, 2009.

Adopted this 13th day of July, 2009.

Original signed by:
Mike Fennell, Mayor

Original signed by:
Wayne Vollrath, CAO



DRAFT BYLAW NO. 276

2026 PROPERTY TAX RATES BYLAW

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE

**A bylaw to impose rates on all taxable land and improvements for the year ending
December 31, 2026.**

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Barriere, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as “**2026 Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276**”.
2. The following rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2026:
 - a) For general purposes of the municipality on the value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in the column “A” titled “General Municipal” of Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
 - b) For hospital purposes on the value of land and improvements taxable for hospital purposes, rates appearing in the column “B” titled “Regional Hospital” of Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
 - c) For Regional District purposes on the value of land and improvements taxable for hospital purposes, rates appearing in the column “C” titled “Regional District” of Schedule “A” attached to and forming part of this Bylaw.
3. The minimum amount of taxation upon a parcel of real property shall be One Dollar (\$1.00).
4. This Bylaw repeals “*2025 Property Tax Rates Bylaw No. 255*”.

Read a first, second, and third time by the Municipal Council this 20th day of April, 2026.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Rob Kerslake, Mayor

Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer

Schedule "A"
District of Barriere 2026 Tax Rates

Property Class	Description	"A" General Municipal	"B" Regional Hospital	"C" Regional District
01	Residential	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229
02	Utility	40.00000	1.09384	2.66802
03	Supportive Housing	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229
04	Major Industry	10.75123	1.06259	2.59179
05	Light Industry	9.62674	1.06259	2.59179
06	Business & Other	6.71952	0.76569	1.86761
07	Managed Forest Land	8.25541	0.93758	2.28687
08	Recreational/Non-Profit	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229
09	Farm	2.74266	0.31253	0.76229

Certified Correct:

Corporate Officer

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL
Request for Decision

Date: April 20, 2026	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Chief Administrative Officer
Re: 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276	
Recommendation: THAT Council gives first three readings to the 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276	

Purpose

To consider giving first three readings to the 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276.

Background

Section 197 of the Community Charter requires the District to adopt an annual property value tax bylaw to establish the tax rates for the collection of municipal revenue as provided in the Financial Plan, as well as the amounts to be collected on behalf of other local governments or public bodies.

The 2026 annual tax rates bylaw must be adopted on or before May 14, 2026.

The amount of 2026 property tax revenue included in the Five Year Financial Plan is \$1,386,272, an increase of \$232,000 (20%) over 2025. As previously outlined to Council and the community, this increase includes the following changes:

1. \$70,000 is due to the Streetlighting change from Utility Billing. The average residential property will see an increase of roughly \$56 on municipal taxation while seeing a reduction of roughly \$69 on utility bills.
2. \$41,000 additional revenue from Utility Class 2. This does not impact other taxation classes such as residential or commercial properties.
3. \$3,500 additional revenue from Major Industry Class 4, no impact to residential, commercial, or small industry properties.

As such, the actual taxation change amount impacting all taxation classes is closer to \$117,500, or roughly 9% of additional revenue from taxation.

BC Assessment Changes

The District's residential assessments have increased approximately \$3.614 million from 2025 due to non-market change, while commercial assessments have decreased about \$263,000; so overall a positive non-market change of \$3.351 Million.

Positive non-market change is generally attributable to new construction and building additions or major renovations. The amount of taxation revenue gained due to the non-market change in 2026 is approximately \$10,000.

There has been a 1.29% increase in the market change of residential properties since last year, and 0.8-4.4% increases for the utilities, business, and light industrial classes. Major industry saw no change in assessment value.

Collectively, with all the market and non-market change (new development), actual increases for residential properties may be closer to 7.2 - 7.5%; however, individual amounts will vary as they are based on BC Assessment determined property values.

As part of the budget process since January 2026, Council has reviewed the budget and corresponding revenue and taxation models on various occasions, including at a Special Meeting held on February 9, 2026. Council subsequently adopted the Financial Plan Bylaw on March 9, 2026, along with an amendment to the Fees and Charges Bylaw establishing a portion of the revenue to balance the Financial Plan.

Now that BC Assessment has provided their Review Roll assessment values (which saw an increase of roughly \$300,000 compared to the January 2026 data), and the Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) and the Thompson Regional Hospital District have provided their requisition amounts, Council is now able to finalize the Tax Rates Bylaw to close of the Budget 2026 journey.

The below table shows the tax rates changes from 2025 (inclusive of the Streetlighting changes discussed above, but without a change to the 2026 increase) to 2026 based on the overall taxation amount.

Proposed Property Tax Rates				
	2025*	2026	2025-2026 Change	% Change
Residential	2.5593	2.7427	0.1834	7.17%
Utilities	8.4803	40.0000	31.5197	371.68%
Major Industry	8.9831	10.7512	1.7681	19.68%
Light Industry	8.9831	9.6267	0.6437	7.17%
Business And Other	6.2702	6.7195	0.4493	7.17%
Rec/Non Profit	2.5593	2.7427	0.1834	7.17%
Farm	2.5593	2.7427	0.1834	7.17%

***2025 Tax Rates include Streetlighting Changes**

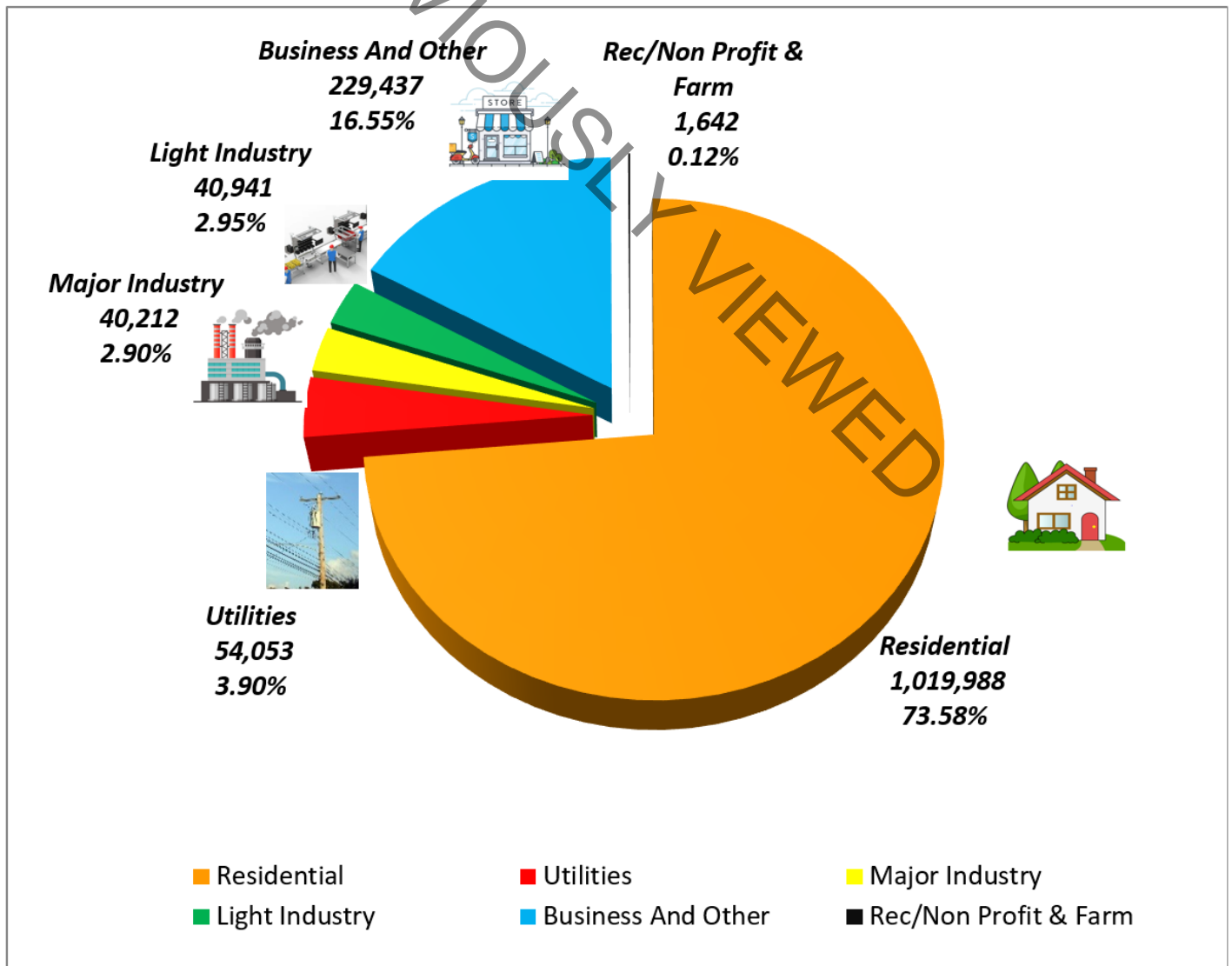
Taxation Burden

In previous years, the tax rates were calculated with the same Multiples structure which largely ensured that any allocation change between the Classes would purely be due to any changes in that assessment class by BC Assessment. For 2026 however, the 2026 tax rates included in Schedule A of the bylaw (Attachment 1) received some changes to include the additional \$41,000 for the Utilities Class to a maximum of a Tax Rate of 40.00 and Council determined to distribute an additional \$3,500 of taxation to the Major Industry Class.

These changes effectively shifted the overall Tax Burden in the following manner:

1. Residential: Reduced by roughly 2.5% to 73.58%
2. Utilities: Increased by roughly 2.9% to 3.90%
3. Major Industry: Remains at roughly 2.90%
4. Small Industry: Remains at roughly 2.95%
5. Business: Reduced slightly by 0.45% to 16.55%
6. Farm, Recreation, and Non-Profit remain at 0.1%

Below is a pie chart graph showing the Tax Burden allocation for 2026 across the various Classes:



Supporting data for the tax rate calculation is provided here:

Class	Folio Count	Net Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Multiples	Tax Revenue	% Of Burden
1 - Residential	989	371,897,200	2.74266	1.00	\$1,019,988	73.58%
2 - Utilities	14	1,351,335	40.00000	14.58	\$54,053	3.90%
3 – Supportive Housing	0	0	2.74266	1.00	\$0	0.00%
4 – Major Industry	3	3,740,200	10.75123	3.92	\$40,212	2.90%
5 – Light Industry	4	4,252,800	9.62674	3.51	\$40,941	2.95%
6 – Business	110	34,144,800	6.71952	2.45	\$229,437	16.55%
7 – Managed Forest	0	0	8.25541	3.01	\$0	0.00%
8 – Rec/Non-Profit	18	522,800	2.74266	1.00	\$1,434	0.10%
9 – Farm	12	75,808	2.74266	1.00	\$208	0.01%
		<u>415,984,943</u>			<u>\$1,386,272</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Taxation Impacts

According to current BC Assessment data, the typical assessed value of a single-family residential property in Barriere has increased approximately 1.5%, from \$401,000 in 2025 to \$407,000 in 2026.

The table below shows the impact of the new proposed municipal rate on an average property using these values. Of note, per \$100,000 of assessed residential value the change is approximately \$22.11, while the average residential property would see a monthly increase of roughly \$7.50 (or roughly \$90 per year).

Municipal Taxes on a Typical Residential Property		
	2025*	2026
Assessed Value	\$401,000	\$407,000
Municipal Tax Rate	2.5593	2.7427
Municipal Taxes	\$1,026.27	\$1,116.26
Total Municipal Taxes	\$1,026.27	\$1,116.26
Change from 2025 -> \$89.99 (\$7.50 per month)		
Change Per \$100,000 Assessed Value	\$22.11	
*2025 Tax Rates include Streetlighting Changes		

Current calculations indicate that of the 949 taxable residential folios, 610 (64%) will see a reduction or minimal increase of less than \$100 in municipal taxes (with an average of \$48 increase) while 21 of 73 (29%) commercial properties will see a minimal increase of less than \$100 in municipal taxes (average \$56) in addition to the Streetlighting changes.

	Residential			Commercial		
	# Folios	Taxes	Average Increase/Decrease	# Folios	Taxes	Average Increase/Decrease
Decrease in taxes	33	(\$928)	(\$28)	3	(\$3,295)	(\$1,098)
Increase <\$100	577	\$27,758	\$48	21	\$1,179	\$56
Increase \$100-\$500	328	\$56,353	\$172	38	\$8,937	\$235
Increase \$500-\$1000	7	\$4,277	\$611	10	\$6,251	\$625
Increase >\$1000	4	\$7,013	\$1,753	1	\$2,568	\$2,568
	949	\$94,472	\$100	73	\$15,640	\$214

TNRD and Hospital District Property Taxation

The tax rates for the regional and hospital districts are determined by the amount levied by those authorities and are based on legislated provincial class multiples. The requisition for the Regional District has increased by 5.3%, from \$352,928 in 2025 to \$371,468 this year. The Hospital District requisition has increased by 4.9%, from \$145,282 to \$152,296. Copies of the Regional District and Hospital District requisition are attached to this report.

Summary

The Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276 is presented for first three readings and includes the rates necessary to meet our obligations to the Regional District and the Hospital board, and also the rates needed to meet the District's needs as set out in the Financial Plan Bylaw.

Benefits or Impact

General

Adoption of an annual property Tax Rates Bylaw on or before May 14 is a requirement of the Community Charter. The Five-Year Financial Plan determines the amount of revenue to be raised by property value taxes and used in the calculation of tax rates.

The policies regarding property taxation are included in the annual financial plan, and the intent is to update Asset Management related policies over the next few years which would subsequently be included as well. The following statements are examples of those policies related to setting tax rates:

- Conduct periodic reviews of taxes paid by individual classes.
- Consider tax shifts or redistributions only where a full comprehensive analysis and impact is undertaken.
- Where a tax shift is required, consider a gradual phase-in to allow the properties in the class to adjust their budgets accordingly.

- In establishing property tax rates, take into consideration:
 - The amount of property taxes levied as compared to other municipalities.
 - The property class conversion ratio as compared to other municipalities.
 - The tax share borne by each property class.
 - The tax ratios of each property classification.

Finances

The amount of revenue proposed to be collected through property taxation for 2026 is \$1,386,272.

Strategic Impact

Property taxation is one of the main sources of revenue for the municipality, without which the District could not operate. The Tax Rates Bylaw provides the authority for the District to collect its annual municipal taxes as well as those of other taxing authorities.

Risk Assessment

Compliance: Section 197 of the Community Charter requires the District to adopt an annual tax rates bylaw on or before May 14.

Risk Impact: Low, if the annual tax rates bylaw is adopted on May 4 as planned.

Internal Control Process:

Test calculations, which will include all taxing authorities (municipal, regional hospital, regional district, school, police, BC Assessment, etc.), will be performed prior to issuance of the tax notices in May.

Next Steps / Communication

A copy of the bylaw will be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs prior to May 15th, as required.

Attachments

1. Bylaw 276 – 2026 Taxes Rates Bylaw - Draft
2. Thompson Nicola Regional District Requisition and Thompson Regional Hospital District Requisitions for 2026
3. Budget Brochure v3 (still requires School and Police Requisition amounts before the final version will be created)

Recommendation

THAT Council gives first three readings to the 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw No. 276

Alternative Options

1. Staff is not recommending any other options, as adoption of the tax rates bylaw is required on or before May 14th, 2026.

Prepared by:

D. Drexler, Chief Administrative Officer



Department: Finance

April 9, 2026

District of Barriere
PO Box 219, 4936 Barriere Town Road
Barriere, BC V0E 1E0

Attention: Kathy Abel, Chief Finance Officer

Dear Ms. Abel:

Subject: 2026 Thompson Regional Hospital District Requisition

Please find enclosed a copy of the 2026 Requisition for the Thompson Regional Hospital District.

In summary, the payment due from your municipality is as follows:

TRHD Requisition (see recap)	\$152,296
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Under Section 385(1) of the Local Government Act, the payment is due on or before August 1, 2026. If it would be more convenient for you, please feel free to issue a post-dated cheque.

If you have any questions, please call at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Austin Potts

Austin Potts, CPA, BMgt
Manager of Finance

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THOMPSON REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Tax Requisition & Cost by Participant & Class

Participant	Class	Assessment	Converted Assessment	Share	Net Requisition	Cost per \$1,000 of Assessment
District of Barriere	Residential	369,985,850	36,998,585	0.61%	115,631	0.3125
	Utilities	1,693,635	592,772	0.01%	1,853	1.0938
	Major Industry	3,740,200	1,271,668	0.02%	3,974	1.0626
	Light Industry	4,252,800	1,445,952	0.02%	4,519	1.0626
	Business And Other	34,144,800	8,365,476	0.14%	26,144	0.7657
	Rec/Non Profit	522,800	52,280	0.00%	163	0.3125
	Farm	37,903	3,790	0.00%	12	0.3125
District of Barriere Total		414,377,988	48,730,524	0.80%	152,296	0.3675

PREVIOUSLY VIEWED



Department: Finance

April 9, 2026

District of Barriere
PO Box 219, 4936 Barriere Town Road
Barriere, BC V0E 1E0

Attention: Kathy Abel, Chief Finance Officer

Dear Ms. Abel:

Subject: 2026 Thompson-Nicola Regional District Requisition

Please find enclosed a copy of the 2026 Requisition for the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

In summary, the payment due from your municipality is as follows:

TNRD Requisition (see recap)	\$371,468
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Under Section 385(1) of the Local Government Act, the payment is due on or before August 1, 2026. If it would be more convenient for you, please feel free to issue a post-dated cheque.

If you have any questions, please call at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Austin Potts

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Thompson-Nicola Regional District

Tax Rate per \$100,000 Assessment

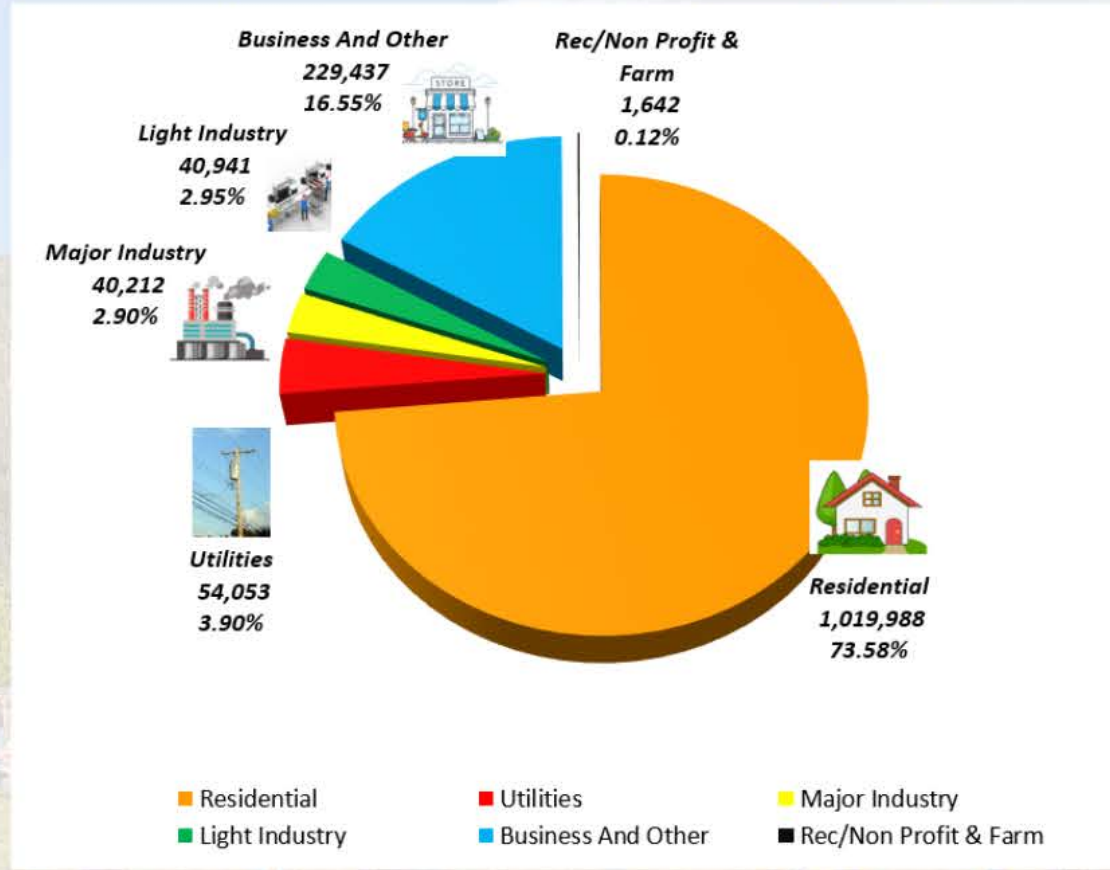
2026 Final Budget

Municipal - Regional and Local Area Services

Region	Service Category	Service	2026			2025	
			Cost per \$100,000	Total \$ Requisition	% Change	Cost per \$100,000	Total \$ Requisition
District of Barriere	General Services	Environmental Planning & Zoning	0.90	4,392	3.17%	0.89	4,258
		Film Commission	0.53	2,562	12.83%	0.47	2,271
		Fraser Basin	0.05	229	1.98%	0.05	225
		General Government Services	8.80	42,879	-0.73%	9.02	43,195
		Regional Parks	0.09	458	44.85%	0.07	316
		Search and Rescue (All Members)	0.23	1,120	3.20%	0.23	1,085
		Thompson-Nicola Regional District Library System	14.08	68,630	6.75%	13.43	64,288
	General Services Total		24.68	120,271	4.01%	24.16	115,638
	Local Services	Crime Stoppers Program	0.09	461	-2.35%	0.10	472
		E911	3.90	19,006	3.63%	3.83	18,341
		Emergency Preparedness	2.31	11,263	86.31%	1.26	6,045
		Mosquito Control: North (O & P)	7.53	36,714	-0.53%	7.71	36,911
		SWM: Residual Management	35.02	170,643	0.58%	35.45	169,663
		Valley Connector	2.05	10,005	126.75%	0.92	4,412
	Local Services Total		50.91	248,093	5.19%	49.27	235,846
	Electoral Area Services	Search & Rescue (Specific Members)	0.64	3,105	-1.22%	0.66	3,143
	Electoral Area Services Total		0.64	3,105	-1.22%	0.66	3,143
District of Barriere Total		76.23	\$ 371,468	4.75%	74.09	\$ 354,627	



Municipal Tax Revenue By Property Class



	Proposed Property Tax Rates		
	2025*	2026	2025-2026 Change % Change
Residential	2.5593	2.7427	0.1834 7.17%
Utilities	8.4803	40.00	31.5197 371.68%
Major Industry	8.9831	10.7512	1.7681 19.68%
Light Industry	8.9831	9.6267	0.6437 7.17%
Business And Other	6.2702	6.7195	0.4493 7.17%
Rec/Non Profit	2.5593	2.7427	0.1834 7.17%
Farm	2.5593	2.7427	0.1834 7.17%

*2025 Tax Rates include Streetlighting Changes

Municipal Taxes on a Typical Residential Property		
	2025*	2026
Assessed Value	\$401,000	\$407,000
Municipal Tax Rate	2.5593	2.7427
Municipal Taxes	\$1,026.27	\$1,116.26
Total Municipal Taxes	\$1,026.27	\$1,116.26
Change from 2025 -> \$89.99 (\$7.50 per month)		
Change Per \$100,000 Assessed Value		\$22.11

*2025 Tax Rates include Streetlighting Changes

2026 BUDGET



May 4, 2026

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Council Strategies to Balance the Budget

1. Reduce Councils Legislative expense budget by \$5,000
2. Reduce Roads Paving Capital Project by \$25,000
3. Utilize Debt for \$150,000 Roads Equipment.
4. Include \$70,000 Streetlighting in General Taxation
5. Include 40.0 Tax Rate for Utilities Class for ~\$41,000 additional General Taxation revenue
6. 7.5% Water and 5% Wastewater increase
7. 5% User Fee increases where applicable
8. General Property Taxation revenue increase by up to 9%
9. Adjust Major Industry Class to ~3% of Tax Burden (from 2.66%)
10. Reduce Operational Budgets by up to \$40,000
11. As last resort, utilize Surplus/Reserves to offset shortfall

Residential			
	# Folios	Taxes	Average Increase/Decrease
Decrease in taxes	33	(\$928)	(\$28)
Increase <\$100	577	\$27,758	\$48
Increase \$100-\$500	328	\$56,353	\$172
Increase \$500-\$1000	7	\$4,277	\$611
Increase >\$1000	4	\$7,013	\$1,753
	949	\$94,472	\$100

Commercial			
	# Folios	Taxes	Average Increase/Decrease
Decrease in taxes	3	(\$3,295)	(\$1,098)
Increase <\$100	21	\$1,179	\$56
Increase \$100-\$500	38	\$8,937	\$235
Increase \$500-\$1000	10	\$6,251	\$625
Increase >\$1000	1	\$2,568	\$2,568
	73	\$15,640	\$214

Revenues & Expenses

Where the Money Comes From	
Property Taxes	1,386,272
Grant in Lieu & Other Taxes	42,500
User Fees & Charges	1,100,668
Government Transfers	4,607,917
Interest, Penalties & Other Recoveries	59,779
Transfers from Reserves - Carryforward Pr	0
Transfers from Reserves - Current Projects	1,617,069
Funded from Debt/Loan	150,000
Funded from Development Cost Charges	0
Transfers from Surplus - Carryforwards	0
Total Funding Available	8,964,205

Where the Money Goes	
General Government	796,873
Protective Services	338,250
Transportation	503,540
Environmental & Public Health	256,137
Planning & Development	14,000
Parks & Recreation	284,789
Facilities	143,050
Water Utility Operations	414,685
Wastewater Utility Operations	279,476
Grant Projects - Ops (incl. Carry Forward)	460,710
Debt Servicing	7,163
Operating Expenditures	3,498,673
Capital Projects - Carry Forward	0
Capital Projects - Current Year	5,070,000
Capital Expenditures	5,070,000
Transfer to Reserves	320,697
Total Expenditures	8,889,370
Current Year Net Surplus	74,835

Reserve Balances			
	Beginning *	Ending	2026 Used
General Capital	743,008	343,082	410,648
Fire Department Capital	154,151	56,875	98,921
Water Capital	490,570	397,704	100,000
Wastewater Capital	0	0	0
Transportation Infrastr.	0	0	0
Parkland	66,574	67,573	0
Community Works	82,679	368,971	0
Growing Communities	1,192,599	204,055	1,000,000
Climate Action Program	115,198	110,147	7,500
Total Reserves	2,844,779	1,548,407	1,617,069

Debt Servicing					
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
General Fund					
Equipment Financing - Bush Truck \$175,000; 5 years; June 2030	38,006	38,006	38,006	38,006	14,225
General Fund					
Equipment Financing - Roads Equip \$150,000; 5 years; March 2031	24,226	32,224	32,223	32,224	32,224
Total Debt Payments	62,232	70,230	70,229	70,230	46,449

MUNICIPAL AND OTHER TAXES					
2026 includes additional \$41,000 for Utility Class 2, \$70,000 for Streetlighting, \$3,500 for Major Industry = \$114,500 For More Information please see Details to the Right					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Municipal Property Taxes					
Amount levied	\$ 966,391	\$ 1,012,189	\$ 1,062,194	\$ 1,154,272	\$ 1,386,272
Increase from previous year	\$ 49,893	\$ 45,798	\$ 50,005	\$ 92,078	\$ 232,000
% Increase from previous year	5.4%	4.7%	4.9%	8.7%	20.1%
Regional District Requisition					
Amount levied	\$ 312,266	\$ 315,452	\$ 329,394	\$ 352,928	\$ 371,468
Increase from previous year	\$ 31,515	\$ 3,186	\$ 13,942	23,534	18,540
% Increase from previous year	11.2%	1.0%	4.4%	7.1%	5.3%
Requisition as % of municipal taxes	32.3%	31.2%	31.0%	33.2%	26.8%
Hospital Requisition					
Amount levied	\$ 133,787	\$ 135,681	\$ 135,152	\$ 145,245	\$ 152,296
Increase from previous year	\$ (144,654)	\$ 1,894	\$ (529)	\$ 10,093	\$ 7,051
% Increase from previous year	-52.0%	1.4%	-0.4%	7.5%	4.9%
Requisition as % of municipal taxes	13.8%	13.4%	12.7%	12.6%	11.0%
School Requisition					
Amount levied	\$ 614,796	\$ 676,594	\$ 698,918	\$ 753,119	\$ 822,894
Increase from previous year	\$ 56,156	\$ 61,798	\$ 22,324	\$ 54,201	\$ 69,775
% Increase from previous year	10.1%	10.1%	3.3%	7.8%	9.3%
Requisition as % of municipal taxes	63.6%	66.8%	65.8%	65.2%	59.4%
Police Requisition					
Amount levied	\$ 95,748	\$ 111,787	\$ 120,704	\$ 127,555	\$ 137,084
Increase from previous year	\$ 12,515	\$ 16,039	\$ 8,917	\$ 6,851	\$ 9,529
% Increase from previous year	15.0%	16.8%	8.0%	5.7%	7.5%
Requisition as % of municipal taxes	9.9%	11.0%	11.4%	11.1%	9.9%
Total Taxation	\$ 2,138,519	\$ 2,272,445	\$ 2,363,783	\$ 2,550,540	\$ 2,890,850
Other Taxing Authorities	\$ 1,172,128	\$ 1,260,256	\$ 1,301,589	\$ 1,396,268	\$ 1,504,578
% Compared to Municipal Taxes	55%	55%	55%	55%	52%

Capital Projects

New Capital Projects		
Public Works	Facility/Safety Upgrades	15,000
Roads	Paving program	75,000
	CN Rail - Hall Road	25,000
	Winter Roads Equipment	150,000
Fire	Pump Replacement	40,000
	Turnout Gear	25,000
IT	Office Equipment & Technology	20,000
Utilities	WWTP & Wastewater	4,600,000
General	Wayfinding Program Study	20,000
Utilities/Public Works	Emergency repair contingency	100,000
TOTAL NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS		5,070,000

Taxation Changes - Details

- \$70,000 is due to Streetlighting change from Utility Billing. Average residential property will see an increase of \$56 on municipal taxation while seeing a reduction of \$69 on utility bills.
- \$41,000 additional revenue from Utility Class 2. This does not impact other taxation classes such as residential or commercial properties.
- \$3,500 additional revenue from Major Industry Class 4, no impact to residential, commercial, or small industry properties.

Overall \$114,500 of the \$232,000 overall change is due to specific one time circumstances.

The actual taxation change amount impacting all taxation classes is closer to \$117,500, or roughly 9% of additional revenue from taxation.

Non-Market Change (new development) of roughly \$3.3Million will offset taxation increases for other properties. Actual increases may be closer to 7.2-7.5% per residential property.

Individual amounts will vary based on BC Assessment determined property values.

District of Barriere

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Request for Decision

Date: May 4, 2026	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: Corporate
Re: Indemnification Bylaw No. 277	
Recommendation: THAT Council give 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings to Indemnification Bylaw No. 277	

Purpose

For Council to consider giving first three readings to Indemnification Bylaw No. 277, that clearly sets out how the District protects Council and Staff from legal costs and liabilities when acting in good faith while performing their duties.

Background

The District's current bylaw, Indemnification Bylaw No. 03, was adopted in 2008. While it provides general protection for municipal officials, it does not reflect more recent legislative updates, case law, or evolving municipal governance practices in British Columbia.

In 2024, Council undertook a broader governance review through the adoption of the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 250. That process focused on strengthening accountability, clarifying expectations for conduct, and aligning with current best practices across BC. As part of that review, it was identified that several related governance bylaws and policies required updates to ensure consistency and alignment. The draft Indemnity Bylaw as proposed completes this process. In doing so, it ensures that protections for Council and Staff are clearly defined, while maintaining accountability for conduct that falls outside those expectations.

Summary

As drafted, Bylaw No. 277 provides protection from legal liability for current and former Council members, Staff and certain volunteers or committee members (referred to as "District Officials"), when acting in good faith and in the performance of their duties.

Under Section 740 of the Local Government Act, municipalities are authorized to adopt indemnification bylaws to protect local government officials from legal action or prosecution arising from their duties. This bylaw establishes a clear and modern framework for when the District will cover legal costs, damages, and related expenses.

The updated bylaw reflects:

- Recent case law and best practices, which have further clarified the limits of indemnification and the importance of defining conditions and exclusions;
- Alignment with Council's Code of Conduct expectations, reinforcing accountability, ethical behaviour, and clarity around when protection applies; and
- General housekeeping updates, including clearer definitions, expanded coverage for different types of officials, and more detailed procedures for administering indemnification.

The key provisions of the bylaw are summarized as follows:

Indemnification (Section 3)

- The District will cover legal costs, damages, and related expenses
- Applies to current and former officials acting in their duties

Good Faith Protection (Section 4)

- Protection applies when acting in good faith
- The District will not seek repayment unless misconduct is found

Conditions (Sections 5–6)

- Officials must report claims, cooperate, and not settle independently
- The District retains full control over legal proceedings
- Compliance by an Official is a requirement to receive indemnification

Accountability (Section 7)

- Indemnification is removed in cases of dishonesty, misconduct, or breaches
- Officials may be required to repay costs

Exclusions (Section 8)

- Does not apply to criminal matters, certain fines, or disputes with the District

Council Discretion (Section 9)

- Council may approve indemnification in specific cases if needed

Overall, this update is intended to replace the existing Bylaw No. 03 as it strengthens clarity, accountability, and consistency.

Benefits or Impact

General

Brings an existing bylaw up to date that aligns with current legislation and Council expectations.

Finances

Potential financial impacts may arise if claims occur, however, these would typically be managed through MIABC insurance coverage.

Strategic Impact

Priority #4: General Governance and Community Engagement

Goal 2. – Bylaws and legislated reports are complete

Actions to get us there:

- a. Continue to work in-house and with external resources where appropriate on various governance documents that are necessary to be updated to meet Council and provincial objectives.

Risk Assessment

Compliance: Aligns with the Community Charter and Local Government Act

Risk Impact:

Low – Reduces legal and financial uncertainty by clearly outlining when indemnification applies and when it does not, in alignment with current legal frameworks.

Next Steps / Communication

- Should Council give first three readings to the attached Bylaw, the draft will be placed on the following Council Meeting agenda for adoption.
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Attachments

- DRAFT Indemnification Bylaw No. 277
- Indemnification Bylaw No. 0003

Recommendation

THAT Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings to Indemnification Bylaw No. 277

Alternative Options

1. Council could choose not to adopt the draft bylaw at this time
2. Council could choose to amend the draft bylaw prior to providing 3rd reading.

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**DRAFT DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
INDEMNIFICATION BYLAW NO. 277**

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION OF DISTRICT OFFICIALS

WHEREAS Council of the District of Barriere, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

Citation

1. This bylaw may be cited as the “District of Barriere Indemnification Bylaw No. 277”

Definitions

2. In this bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - 2.1. “**Chief Administrative Officer**” means the Chief Administrative Officer for the District of Barriere;
 - 2.2. “**District**” means the District of Barriere;
 - 2.3. “**District Official**” means:
 - 2.3.1. a current or former member of *Council*;
 - 2.3.2. a current or former officer or employee of the *District*; and
 - 2.3.3. a person who is or was a person referred to in section 738(1) of the *Local Government Act*, but only in relation to the exercise of powers or the performance of duties or functions for or on behalf of the *District* (which, for clarity, does not include an independent service provider, professional advisor, or contractor engaged by the *District* from time to time or on a fee-for-service basis);
 - 2.4. “**Council**” means council of the *District*;
 - 2.5. “**Indemnification**” means the payment of amounts required or incurred:
 - 2.5.1. to defend an action or prosecution brought against a person in connection with the exercise or intended exercise of the person’s powers or the performance or intended performance of the person’s duties or functions;

- 2.5.2. to satisfy a judgement, award, or penalty imposed in an action or prosecution referred to in paragraph 2.5.1;
 - 2.5.3. to an inquiry under the Public Inquiry Act; or
 - 2.5.4. in relation to another proceeding that involves the administration or the conduct of *District* business, including, without limitation, any damages, awards, fines, penalties, Reasonable Legal Costs, and reasonable out-of-pocket costs, but excluding any fine that is imposed as a result of a *District Official's* conviction for an offence that is not a strict or absolute liability offence; and
- 2.6. **“Reasonable Legal Costs”** means the reasonable costs, including disbursements, incurred by the *District Official* or by the *District* in seeking, retaining, and engaging legal counsel in respect of a matter for which Indemnification is provided under this bylaw, as determined by the *Chief Administrative Officer* or the *District's* legal counsel.

Provisions

- 3. Subject to the provisions of this bylaw, the *District* will provide Indemnification for any *District Official* in relation to, and from and against, any claim, action, prosecution, inquiry, complaint, or proceeding brought against such *District Official* as a result of, or relating to, the performance of the *District Official's* duties, whether arising during or after their term of office or employment or service to the *District*, including without limitation any damages, awards, fines, penalties, Reasonable Legal Costs, and reasonable out-of-pocket costs that may be incurred by the *District Official*.
- 4. The *District* will not seek indemnity against a *District Official* in respect of any conduct of the *District Official* that results in a claim for damages against the *District*, unless a court makes a finding in the action that the *District Official* has been guilty of dishonesty, gross negligence, or malicious or willful misconduct.
- 5. Where:
 - 5.1. *Indemnification* under this bylaw is or may be claimed by any *District Official*, such *District Official* shall immediately, upon receipt thereof, forward to the *District* every statement of claim, letter, document, or advice relating to an actual or potential claim against such *District Official* in respect of which Indemnification is or may be claimed under this bylaw;

5.2. *Indemnification* under this bylaw is or may be claimed by a *District Official*, such *District Official* shall not:

5.2.1. voluntarily assume any liability, assume fault, or settle or compromise any claim; or

5.2.2. interfere with the *District* in any negotiation, settlement or in any legal process with respect to such claim;

and that whenever requested by the *District* such *District Official* shall:

5.2.3. aid in securing of information and evidence and the attendance of witnesses and shall, where required by the *District*, give evidence or statements in writing or orally, as requested by the *Chief Administrative Officer* or the *District's* legal counsel; and

5.2.4. co-operate with the *District* in the defence of any action or proceeding or in the prosecution of any appeal taken by the *District* on behalf of the *District Official*.

5.3. *Indemnification* under this bylaw is or may be claimed by a *District Official*, such *District Official* shall consent, in writing or otherwise, that the *District* shall have complete discretion to defend, manage, settle, compromise, or otherwise resolve the action, prosecution or proceeding, including by:

5.3.1. appointment and instruction of legal counsel;

5.3.2. assumption of the defence or management of any action, prosecution or proceeding;

5.3.3. conduct of all necessary investigations and reviews;

5.3.4. compromise or settlement of any action, prosecution or proceeding; and

5.3.5. payment or satisfaction of any judgment, award or penalty imposed in connection with the action, prosecution or proceeding.

6. Compliance by any *District Official* with the provisions of section 5 of this bylaw is a condition precedent to the *District's* obligation to provide *Indemnification* for such *District Official* as provided in this bylaw.

7. Where a court, tribunal, or other investigating or regulating agency or body, makes a finding in an action, prosecution, or proceeding that a *District Official* who has been indemnified, or is seeking *Indemnification*, under this bylaw, has:

7.1. been guilty of dishonesty, gross negligence, malicious or willful misconduct;

7.2. willfully acted contrary to the lawful direction or order given by a person in authority over the *District Official*;

7.3. libeled or slandered a person or persons;

- 7.4. not met the duty to respect confidentiality under section 117 of the Community Charter or other applicable enactment;
- 7.5. been disqualified from holding office under section 111 of the Community Charter; or
- 7.6. been convicted of an offence that is not a strict or absolute liability offence,

then the *District's* obligation to provide Indemnification under section 3 of this bylaw shall cease and the *District Official* shall reimburse the *District* for all amounts expended by the *District* in the conduct of the *District Official's* representation or defence, and the *District* shall not be obligated to pay any judgement, award, or penalty imposed in such action, prosecution, or proceeding.

8. The *District* will not provide *Indemnification* to a *District Official* in relation to:
 - 8.1. any fine imposed as a result of a *District Official's* conviction for an offence that is not a strict or absolute liability offence;
 - 8.2. the defence of a *District Official* arising from a criminal proceeding;
 - 8.3. any matter, action, prosecution, or proceeding where damages are claimed by the *District Official* against the *District*;
 - 8.4. any matter, action, prosecution, or proceeding where damages are claimed by the *District* against the *District Official*; or
 - 8.5. a motion of censure by *Council*.
9. Nothing in this bylaw precludes a *District Official* from seeking that *Council*, by resolution in a specific case, provide *Indemnification* to the *District Official*.

Repeal

10. The "*Indemnity for Municipal Officers Bylaw No. 0003, 2008*", is hereby repealed.

General

11. Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time.

12. If any section, paragraph or phrase of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by a decision of a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME this
READ A SECOND TIME this
READ A THIRD TIME this
ADOPTED this

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Mayor Rob Kerslake

Tasha Buchanan, Corporate Officer

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DISTRICT OF BARRIERE

BYLAW NO. 0003

A BYLAW TO INDEMNIFY MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AGAINST DAMAGES AND THE COSTS OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ARISING OUT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES AND THE CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL BUSINESS

WHEREAS Section 287.2 of the *Local Government Act* authorizes a municipality to provide by bylaw for the indemnification of its municipal officials against claims for damages and the costs incurred in a legal proceeding arising out of such claim pursuant to the performance of their duties and the conduct of municipal business:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the District of Barriere, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. Title

This bylaw may be cited as “DISTRICT OF BARRIERE INDEMNIFICATION BYLAW 2007 NO. 0003”.

2. Definitions

“District” means the Barriere District Municipality, more commonly known as “District of Barriere”.

“Municipal Official” means

- (a) Member of Council for the District of Barriere;
- (b) members of a commission established by the District;
- (c) members of a select or standing committee of Council who are not also members of Council;
- (d) members of an advisory body of Council;
- (e) volunteers who participate in the delivery of services by the District or a body referred to in subsections (a) through (d) under the supervision of a person referred to in paragraphs (f) or (g);
- (f) an individual employed with the District under a Collective Agreement; and
- (g) those individuals employed by the District who are excluded from the Collective Agreement;

3. Indemnification

The District will:

- (a) indemnify a Municipal Official for any costs reasonably required or incurred to defend an action or prosecution brought against the Municipal Official in connection with the exercise or intended exercise of his or her powers or the performance or intended performance of his or her duties or functions, including amounts required to satisfy a judgment, award or penalty imposed in such an action of prosecution.

- (b) The District will indemnify a Municipal Official for any legal costs reasonably required or incurred in relation to a proceeding that involves the administration of the municipality or the conduct of municipal business.

4. Former Municipal Officials

The terms “Municipal Officials” include persons who are former “Municipal Officials”, as applicable, but only in relation to the exercise of powers of the performance of duties or functions for or on behalf of the District.

5. Exclusions from Indemnification

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 3 and 4 above, the District will not pay or indemnify a Municipal Official for any fine or penalty imposed as a result of the Municipal Official’s conviction for an offense that is not a strict or absolute liability offence.
- (b) Further, Section 3 and 4 above does not apply in any case where the Municipal Official:
 - i. has not acted within the scope of his or her duties;
 - ii. has been grossly negligent or dishonest, or engaged in willful or malicious misconduct; or
 - iii. in the case of an officer or employee, has acted contrary to the terms and conditions of his or her employment, or contrary to law, or has acted contrary to an order given by a person in authority over him or her; or
 - iv. in the case of a Council Member, has acted in a conflict of interest with the District or otherwise not in accordance with his or her duties.
- (c) If a court or tribunal makes a finding listed in subsections 5 (b) i to iv of this bylaw, and the District has already paid the costs or damages of the Municipal Official, the Municipal Official must repay those costs or damages to the District.

6. Indemnification Process

- (a) Where indemnity is or may be claimed under this bylaw by a Municipal Official, the Municipal Official shall, within 7 days of receipt, forward to the Corporate Officer appointed by the Members of Council under section 148 of the *Community Charter*, every statement of claim, writ of summons, information letter, document or advice relating to the claim or prosecution in respect of which the indemnity is or may be claimed.

- (b) Upon Receipt of all information available under section 6 (a) above, the Corporate Officer must make a determination as to whether the Municipal Official is entitled to indemnification pursuant to this bylaw, and in order to make this determination, may request additional information from the Municipal Official, which must be provided to the best of the Municipal Official's knowledge and ability.
- (c) If the Corporate Officer determines that the Municipal Official is entitled to indemnity, pursuant to this bylaw, the Corporate Officer shall proceed to provide the indemnity to the Municipal Official, and report the provision of the indemnity to Council at its next regular meeting or, if necessary, at a special Council meeting.
- (d) Where indemnity is or may be claimed under this bylaw by a Municipal Official, the Municipal Official shall not:
 - i. voluntarily assume any liability, settle any claim, or enter any plea except at his or her own cost, and no indemnification shall be paid in relation to any such assumption of liability, settlement or plea; nor
 - ii. interfere with the District in any negotiation or settlement in any legal proceedings with respect to the claim or prosecution.
- (e) Whenever requested by the District or its legal counsel, a Municipal Official shall:
 - i. assist in securing information and evidence and the attendance of witnesses;
 - ii. give evidence himself or herself; and
 - iii. co-operate with the District in the defense of any action or proceeding or in the prosecution of any appeal taken by the District of behalf of the Municipal Official.
- (f) The District or its insurer will have sole discretion to appoint legal counsel to defend the claim or prosecution.
- (g) It is a condition precedent to the District's liability to indemnify a Municipal Official, as provided in this bylaw, that the Municipal Official shall comply with the provisions of subsections 6 (a), (b), (d), (e) and (f) of this bylaw.

7. Specific Case

Nothing in this bylaw precludes a Municipal Official from applying for indemnification pursuant to Council's jurisdiction under Section 287.2 (2) (b) of the *Local Government Act* for a resolution indemnifying the Municipal Official in a specific case.

PASSED FIRST READING 2007 December 17

PASSED SECOND READING 2007 December 17

PASSED THIRD READING 2007 December 17

ADOPTED January 07, 2008

Mike Fennell

MAYOR

Wayne Vollrath

DIRECTOR,

CORPORATE ADMINISTRATION

District of Barriere
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: May 4, 2026	Agenda Item: 5a
To: Council	From: Department Heads
Re: Departmental Updates	

CORPORATE:

Development:

Development Activity			
Construction Activity:	April	2026 YTD	2025
Total Building Permit Applications:	1	8	21
Total Construction Value:	\$12,000	\$1,111,806	\$3,291,020
Total Building Permits Finalized:	0	2	15 (since June)
Total Construction Value Finalized:	\$0	\$740,500	\$989,500

- Processed 4 Building Information Requests (BIR)
- Processed 3 Zoning Confirmation Requests
- Proctored an Exam for a local Paramedic Student – CO
- Beginning Emergency Management - Information Officer course through JIBC

Bylaw Enforcement:

- Two bylaw enforcement files were acted on in April.

Governance:

- Indemnity Bylaw – Draft bylaw for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Readings on this agenda
- Per Diem, Travel & Mileage Allowances Policy – In progress
- Employee Appreciation Policy - In progress
- Community Support Policy – Complete & provided for future reference to community organizations whom often seek District support.
- Park and Public Spaces Access – consideration for adoption on this agenda
- 2026 Tax Rates Bylaw – consideration for adoption on this agenda
- 2025 Annual Report – In progress

Sessions/Meetings:

- Completed LGMA Elections Workshop which provides Election Officials updated legislation updates for this upcoming General Local Election.
- The Welcome Summer Block Party is set for Saturday, June 20th from 3pm – 9pm and planning is underway. The Musicians of Barriere to kick start the day on the Bandshell and the Angie Heinze Band headlining. The event is in need of at least four (4) volunteers to assist in various activities of the event.
- Attended the Barriere Fire Rescue Open House

PUBLIC WORKS:

Operations:

Public Works			
	April	2026 YTD	2025
Potholes Filled:	28	73	195
Pavement Repairs:	0	0	17499
Burials:	1	1	0
Cremations:	1	1	4
Deceased Animal Recovery:	1	1	4
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	4
Water Distribution			
	April	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	5
Water Service On/Off Requests:	3	16	34
Interior Health Water Quality Tests:	12	48	148
Water Usage:	42500	113522	448356
Waterline Repairs:	2	4	7
After Hours Call Outs:	1	3	16
Wastewater Collection & Treatment			
	April	2026 YTD	2025
New Construction Service Connections:	0	0	6
Ministry of Environment Wastewater Tests:	7	28	84
After Hours Call Outs:	0	0	0
General			
	April	2026 YTD	2025
BC One Calls Supported:	8	12	42
Events Supported:	0	2	17

- All grading and dust control completed.
- Roadway line marking completed over the weekend
- Staff starting up park irrigation
- Staff participated in a Shoring & Excavation safety course
- Upgrades to Community Garden plots and cleanup completed by community members. Upgrades paid for by Gary Botkin.



Newly replaced garden plot frames

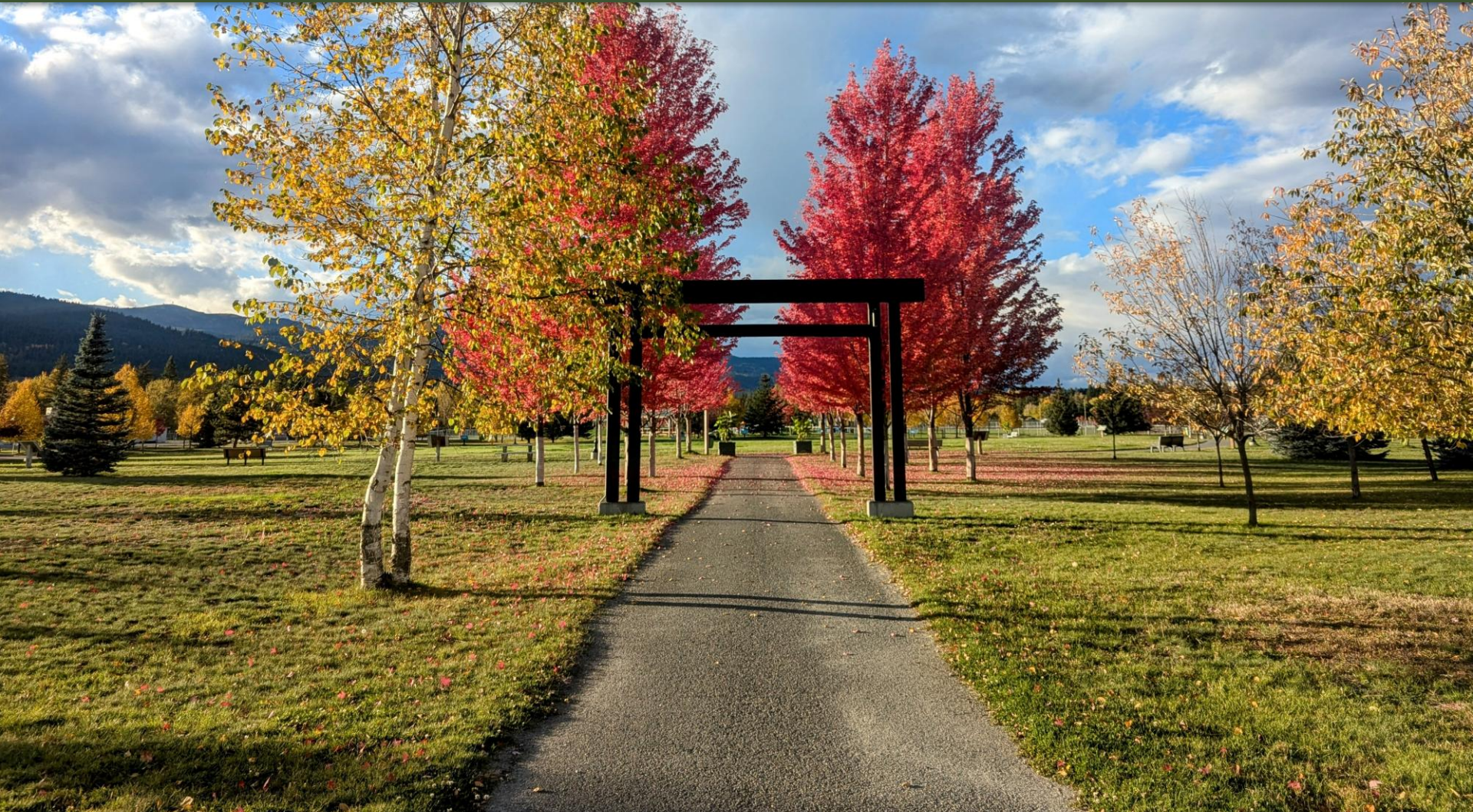
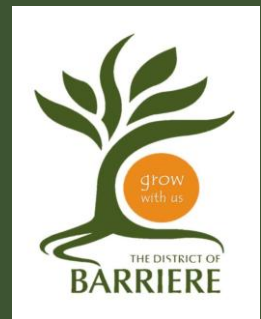
FINANCE:

Financial Services			
	April	2026 YTD	2025
Cash Collected:	\$338,104	\$1,093,837	\$4,963,536
Cash Disbursed:	\$340,861	\$1,436,742	\$5,861,273
		2026 YTD	Project Total
ICIP Wastewater Treatment Grant Funds Received:		\$24,430	\$303,410

- Tax preparation work is underway, once the Tax Rate Bylaw has been finalized, notices will be prepared and mailed out. Mail inserts will accompany the bill this year and have information for residents regarding our 2026 budget, changes to the Homeowner Grant Program starting next year, changes to the Tax Deferment Program and separate inserts for those residents who have arrears and delinquent tax amounts.

District of Barriere

Capital Projects Update
May 2026



Project Outline

- **Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)**
 - **Bandshell Washroom Upgrades**
 - **Traffic Calming**
 - **BBC Storage Room**
 - **Paving Program**
 - **CN Rail – Hall Road**
 - **Winter Roads Equipment**
 - **Pump Replacement**
 - **Turnout Gear**
 - **Office Equipment & Technology**
 - **Wayfinding Program Study**

Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Status: In Progress

Next Steps:

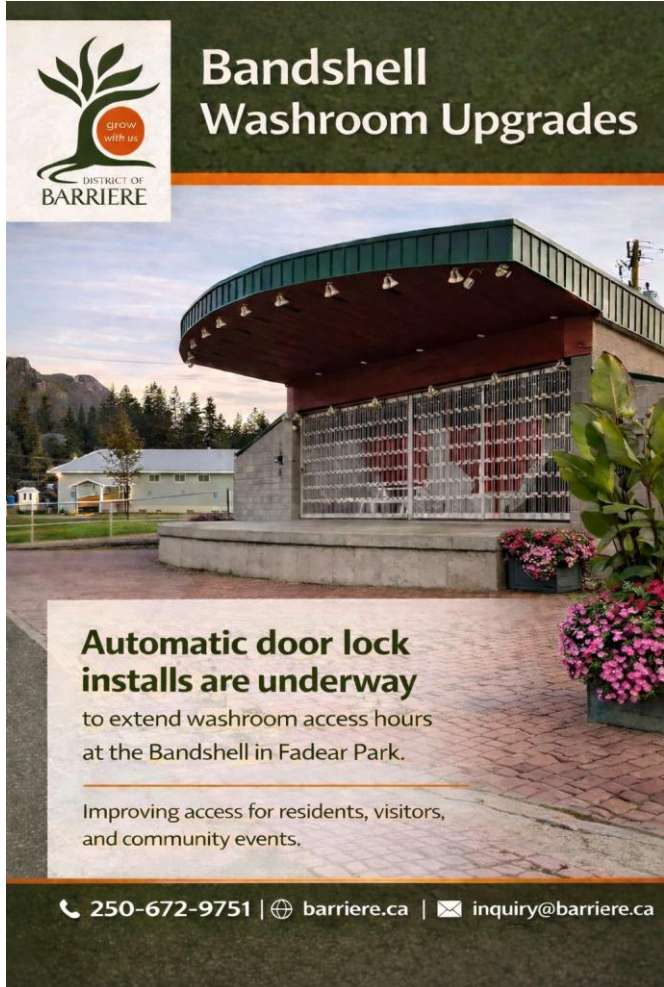
- May 2026 Negotiated Request for Proposal sent out
- 2026 Q3 Nexom Equipment Delivery
- 2026 Q3 Construction Commencing
- 2026 Q4 Completion
- 2027 Q1 Start-Up



Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$7,100,000.00	\$1,886,624.00	\$5,213,376.00	\$403,981.74	\$6,696,018.26	\$303,410.47

Bandshell Washroom Upgrades

Status: Completed – April



- Awaiting Invoice

Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	0	0	\$5,000.00	0



Traffic Calming

Status: In Progress

Next Steps:

- 2026 Q3 Receive ordered planters x4
- Mark out locations
- Install delineators and place planters



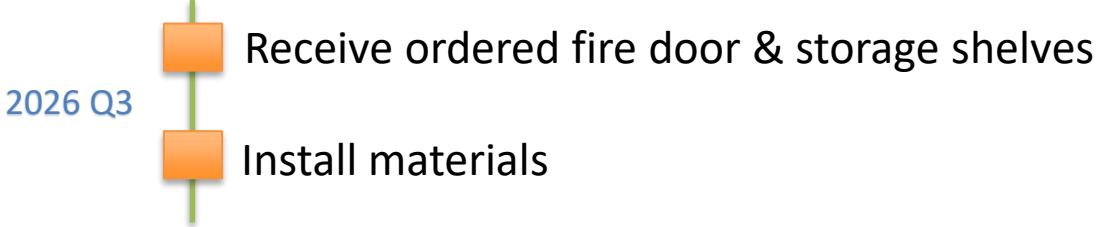
- A grant from ICBC was approved for up to \$5000.00
- ICBC Traffic Engineer provided additional information
- District costs are estimated at approximately \$500.00 (\$2000.00 in savings)

Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,323.16	\$4,176.84	0

BBC Storage Room

Status: In Progress

Next Steps:



- Original project was approved for both Chamber and DOB storage separation
- The Chamber has since withdrawn from this project
- The full storage room will now be utilized for DOB needs

Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	0	0	\$7,500.00	0



Paving Program

Status: May/June Start

- Public Works and JDV Lot Restoration has identified repair areas
- Leonie Creek Road is included as there were critical areas identified
- Leftover funds should remain to complete asphalt apron for a sand storage area used for Winter Roads Equipment



Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	0	0	\$75,000.00	0

CN Rail – Hall Road

Status: Completed – June 2025








Awaiting paperwork from CN to finalize payment details

Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0	\$0	\$25,000.00	\$0

Winter Roads Equipment

Status: Ongoing

Next Steps:

-  Secured loan
-  Purchased 2009 International Plow Truck
-  Continue purchasing equipment
- 2026 Q3  Build sand storage shed
- 2026 Q4  Operational



Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0	\$45,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$150,000.00

Engine Pump Replacement

Status: Completed – January 2026

- Pump in Engine 3 failed in 2025
- Replacement was sourced and repairs completed in January under budget

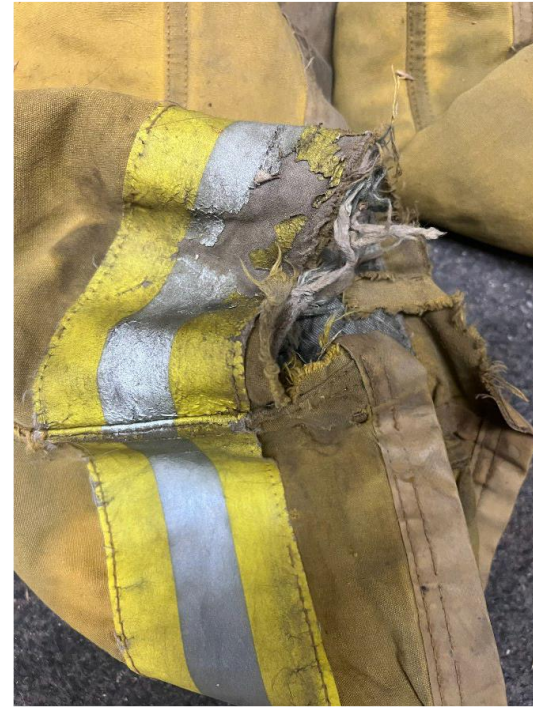


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\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$0	\$33,523.03	0.00	\$0

Annual Firefighter Gear (Turnout Gear)

Status: Ongoing

- 2 sets of Turnout Gear will be ordered
- Fire Department will apply for grant funding to try and offset costs



Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0	0	\$25,000.00	\$0

Office Equipment & Technology

Status: In Progress

Next Steps:

- Receive ordered equipment
- First part of installation scheduled – May 9 & 10 weekend
- 2026 Q3 Receive remaining equipment and schedule install

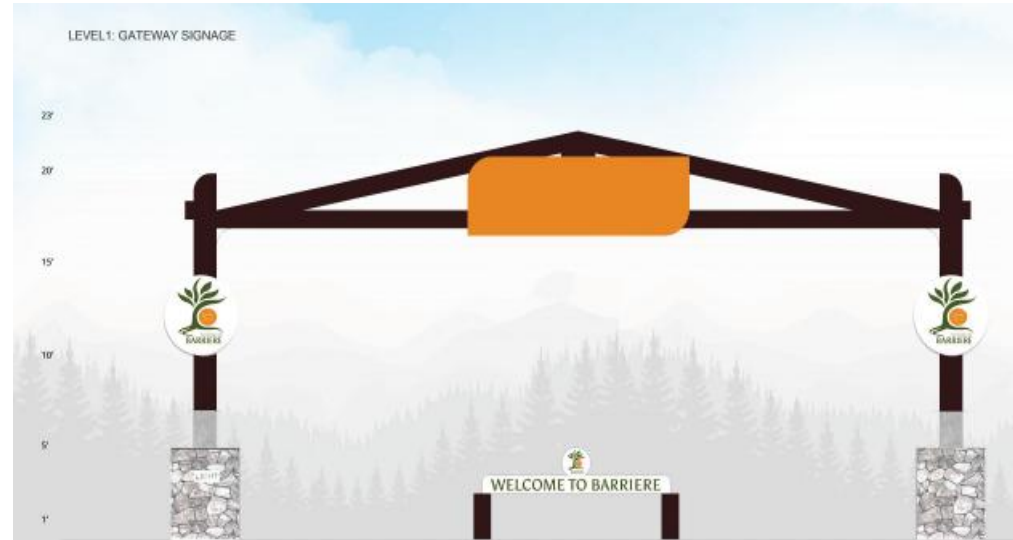
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\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	0	0	\$20,000.00	0

Wayfinding Program Study

Status: TRUE Consulting Completing Final Report / Draft

Funding History:

- ETSI Grant provided up to \$25,000 (50% of total eligible costs)
- The Chamber is responsible for providing the matching 50% contribution (Council resolution - Municipality may contribute up to \$20,000)
- The Chamber has secured Simpcw and TNRD funding



Total Approved Project Budget	Total DoB Funding - Committed	Total Other Funding (Grant, etc.) - Committed	Total Costs To Date	Total Costs Remaining	Other Funding Received To Date
\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$34,500.00	\$7,750.00	\$12,250.00	0



Capital Plan

Project	Total Project Budget	Costs To Date	Costs Remaining	% Project Complete
Waste Water Treatment Plant	\$ 7,100,000.00	\$403,981.74	\$6,696,018.26	15%
Bandshell Washroom Upgrades	\$ 5,000.00		\$5,000.00	95%
Traffic Calming	\$ 2,500.00	\$1,323.16	\$4,176.84	20%
BBC Storage Room - Energy Retrofit	\$ 7,500.00		\$7,500.00	10%
Paving Program	\$ 75,000.00		\$75,000.00	10%
CN Rail - Hall Road	\$ 25,000.00		\$25,000.00	95%
Winter Roads Equipment	\$ 150,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$105,000.00	20%
Pump Replacement	\$ 40,000.00	\$33,523.03	\$0.00	100%
Turnout Gear	\$ 25,000.00		\$25,000.00	0%
Office Equipment & Technology	\$ 20,000.00		\$20,000.00	15%
Wayfinding Program Study	\$ 20,000.00	\$7,750.00	\$12,250.00	80%
Emergency Repair Contingency	\$ 100,000.00		\$100,000.00	0%
	\$ 7,570,000.00	\$491,577.93	\$7,074,945.10	

THANK YOU





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The Barriere Curling Club will again be hosting the 2026 Cooling Centre at the Barriere Curling Club. It is scheduled to start July 6, 2026 and close on August 14, 2026. We will be open 10:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday to Friday.

Last year the Cooling Centre hosted over 100 individuals. We hope to welcome more this year. Our guests commented there was a need for transportation to the facility. Many individuals lack transportation and need assistance to get to the centre.

Would the District of Barriere consider initiating a program to support transporting Barriere citizens to the Barriere Curling Club? Options to consider could be:

Contract the local taxi service to provide in-town limited travel.

A shuttle van at designated times and sites.

The mechanics of providing this service would remain with the District to determine.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours truly,

Ms. Jeannie Webber

President Barriere Curling Club

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

2:45PM - 9:00PM

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